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Items for the North Topeka column may be left at the Petro & Woodford drug store, 829 North Kansas avenue, or call the North Side reporter at her home, Ind. phone 621.]

What is Perfect?

Wanted-Sewing. Bell Phone 2965. Mrs. Al Hoanbaun of Holton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Airhart, and the Misses Hoan-

Mr. Joy of Rossville is in town today, called here on account of the severe illness of his daughter. visitor on the North side today.

Mr. A. L. Tomson and Mr. A. B Tomson of Elmont were in town on business today. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiant and Ed Wiant

proved today Mrs. Grindol of Grantville was in

Mr. G. M. Reichman of Perry, Kan., moved to 212 North Monroe street Mr. James Ward, 1408 North Jack-

son street, who took suddenly ill Wed-nesday evening, is slowly improving. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goodman, who have been visiting relatives in Thomas. Okla., for the past week, will return home the first of the week. Mr. E. Walraven of Elmont was in

Mrs. Dell Small of 1024 North Quincy street is breaking up house-keeping and preparing to join her hus-band in a permanent home in Texar-

Mr. Ed Roast of Elmont was in town Miss Lizzie Ludwig of 515 North

Mr. Peter Ludwig of 515 North Harrison street returned home last even-

Mr. and Mrs. Doel of Kilmer were risiting on the North side today.

Mr. Ed Spear is stopping in town for

Osteen arrived here this morning from Hutchinson. Kan., over the Rock Island. Mr. Osteen was 57 years of age and has been working in Hutchinson for the past few months and died Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from heart failure. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the C. M. E. church, corner Fourteenth and Van Buren. Mrs. Osteen and family live at 1214 Lane street.

Mr. D. L. Brewer has sold his place.

of neutrals on land.

4. Regulating the rights and duties of neutrals at sea.

5. Covering the laying of submarines.

6. The bombardment of towns from the seas.

7. The matter of the collection of contractual debts.

8. The transformation of merchantmen into warships.

Mr. D. L. Brewer has sold his place at \$15 West Tenth to Mrs. Isaphine Fost and Blanche Boyes. Mr. Brewer has purchased the property at 1137 North Kansas avenue and will repair and put the building in good shape at once.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiant and Ed Wiant of Elmont were in town today.

Mr. G. A. Allund of Perry spent the day today with friends on the North side.

Mrs. J. H. King of 1206 North Topeka avenue and who has been sick for some time is reported very much interest once.

The U. S. Express company has rented the building at 1000 North Kansas avenue and will occupy it immediately.

A song service, led by the choir, will be given at the Christian church Sunday evening at 7:30. There will be given at 7:30. There will be open until June 30, 1908.

MERCANTILE IS O. K. cordially invited to be present.

RESULTS AT THE HAGUE.

Summary of the Accomplishment of the Peace Conference.

The Hague, Oct. 18 .- The peace conference today adopted its final act which was recorded in the minutes as

second international peace conference, first proposed by the presi-dent of the United States, having been, through the invitation of his majesty, the emperor of all the Russias contoked by her majesty, the queen of The Netherlands, met June 15, with the mission to further develop the humanitarian principles which were the basis of the work of the first con-

In a series of sittings in which the delegates were constantly animated by

upon for the signature of the pleni-potentiaries:

1. The peaceful regulation of in-

ternational conflicts.
2. Providing for an international

Mr. Ed Spear is stopping in town for a few days.

The remains of Mr. Wesley M. Osteen arrived here this morning from the control of neutrals on land.

chantmen into warships.
9. The treatment of captured

The inviolability of fishing unusual scarcity of hay in Chicago not-withstanding this year's crop is larger than the average crop for the last ten 10. service 12. The application of the Genevi convention and the Red Cross to see The application of the Geneva

MERCANTIDE IS O. K.

Examining Committee Finds All th Capital and a Big Surplus.

president of the Corn Exchange bank, and acting chairman of the clearing house committee, stated today that the committee with the full co-operation of the officers of the Mercantile National bank, made an examination of its condition after the close of business last the committee of the committe

dition after the close of business last and from work.

They have obtained the most thorough and was not completed until a late hour.

Mr. Nash and his associates said they cars without exerting himself. were convinced from the results of the examination that the bank is perfectly solvent, and able to meet all the in-debtedness. The capital of \$13,000,000 is intact and there is a large surplus.

ing from Yates Center where he has been spending the past few weeks with relatives and friends.

Mr. W. S. George of Kilmer was in town on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Doel of Kilmer were Iowa, and Captain J. C.

HAY AT \$21 A TON.

Timothy Hits the Highest Mark Known in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. [18.—No. 1 timothy hay sold here today at \$21 per ton, which is the highest price ever paid here fer that commodity at this se

of the year.

The high price is said to be due to

The railroads maintain that they are unable to furnish enough cars to trans-port the hay. Most of the hay handled warfare, and

13. The laws and customs regulation Chicago comes from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

POSTAL CLERKS ON SKATES,

Washington, Oct. 18.—Officials and clerks of the postoffice department have introduced the roller skate as a New York, Oct. 18.—William A. Nash, president of the Corn Exchange bank, transportation, Chief Clerk Chance, and acting chairman of the clearing Assistant Chief Clerk Thomson, Mr. Holmes, private secretary to the postrival of the street car, the bicycle, the automobile and the cab as a means of

They have obtained the most mod-ern type of ball-bearing skate. Holmes has become an expert and beats the Big Four to Santa Barbara.

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—The cruisers Maryland, West Virginia, Colorado and General Dodge Heads Loyal Legion
Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—The national commandery of the military Order of the military Order of the military Order of the several weeks.

LET THE LIGHT IN.

Railroad Commissioner Ryan Won't Keep People in Dark.

Will Make Result of Track Investigations Public.

IS ON A HAND CAR.

Making an Inspection of the M. K. & T. Lines.

Stenographer Takes Description of Bad Places Found.

Frank Ryan, state railroad commissioner, threatens to again smash one of the carefully established "precedents" of the state board of railroad commissioners. The state board of railroad commissioners—that is, the two conservative members, Ryker and Kanavel—voted that they would not make public anything about the condition of the railway tracks in the state, but would simply whisper in the changes and improvements necessary. This was done in accordance with the advice of G. F. Grattan, the attorney for the board. Governor Hoch, as in the 2-cent fare matter, has given it out flat to the board and the attorney that he does not approve of such gum-shoe methods, and the result is that Commissioner Frank Ryan will break over the ruling of the majority of the board, and make public the result of his inspection of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas track which he is road commissioners. The state board break over the ruling of the majority of the board, and make public the re-sult of his inspection of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas track which he is

Kansas & Texas track which he is now making.

Mr. Ryan is making the inspection on a handcar, and is accompanied by the board's stenographer, R. J. West. Whenever he finds a place in the track that needs fixing, he dictates a description of it to the stenographer. In an interview at Emporia Mr. Ryan said that this information was intended for the public. This is Mr. Ryan's statement:

"This branch of the Katy is not in bad condition, and the officials are recognizing the speed limit. I go on my handcar in order that I may stop where I please and examine the track. I have a stenographer along so that I can make a report as I find things. This report is, however, not so much for the board of railroad commissioners as it is for the people at large. I want to do my duty and report the actual conditions as I find them."

Mr. Ryan also told of how he inspected the Central branch of the

Missouri Pacific near Atchison several weeks ago. He said that the track was so bad on the Central Branch, that the trains had to run slow, and he rode on the cow catcher of the en-gine and examined the track and

Mr Ryan, when asked if he didn't get tired riding on the handcar and walking fourteen miles on railroad ties in one day, said that it made him sleep well at night.

Engineers Refuse to Work Without Additional Help.

You have york, Oct. 18.—Thirty large coastwise tugs are idle in the waters of New York city, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston, because the two engineers on each boat refuse to work unless a third engineer is employed to help them.

Edgar F. Luckenbach, president of the Coastwise Tug Owners' association, has begun injunction proceedings before Judge Aspinwall of the supreme court in Brooklyn, to oblige the officers of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association not to abet the engineers as alleged in their position. The injuncalso complained to the steamboat insurance in the steambo They Are Experts and Beat Street tion is returnable tomorrow. He has also complained to the local federal steamboat inspectors. But James J. Waters, representing the engineers organization, declares that no en-gineers have quit work except such as did so voluntarily and the association is not responsible because the question rests entirely with the engineers of each tug.

WHEAT DROPS AGAIN.

Decline of Three Cents From Friday's Close.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—The wheat market broke badly again today, prices dropping nearly 3 cents below the close of yesterday. The December option sold down to 39% against final quotations of yesterday at \$1.02\cdot @1.02\cdot May dropped to \$1.05\cdot , yesterday's close being \$1.03\cdot @1.08\cdot .

The break was started by several large holders who put out heavy lines of long wheat and were followed up by shorts who sold in lively fashion.

PRIZE RIDERS ARE HERE. Will Give an Exhibition at Ball Park

Saturday Afternoon.

Frank Truax, who claims to be the champion broncho rider of the world, assisted by John Christian of Texas, another rider of note, will give an exhibition at the ball park Saturday afternoon to which an admission charge of 25 cents will be made. The riding will be done in true western style without bridle, halter or stirrups and promises

bridle, halter or stirrups and promises to be a thrilling exhibition of one of the pastimes of the great west.

They offer to ride "anything that has hair" from the fiercest outlaw of the horse kingdom to the meanest mule that ever lived. They have a string of "outlaws" of their own, and offer to ride any horse or mule that is brought to the park. It is announced that the contest will be for a purse of \$500 aside to decide the merits of the two men as broncho riders. broncho riders.

broncho riders.

At a contest held in Denver last year and participated in by some of the best known riders of the west Truax was awarded the championship of the northwest. Later he won the international contest held at St. Louis, defeating all competitors with ease. He is a tall, slender young man and looks the part of the western cowboy so common in western Kansas a few years ago.

Christian, who is to meet Truax, has an enviable record in Texas and the southwest where he has met some of the best riders and has never been defeated in a riding contest. He has not posed as a professional rider and nearly all of his riding has been in his native state where he is looked upon as in-

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Rheumatism is caused by the improper working of the kidneys. The uric acid which should be removed from the blood remains in it. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea removes the cause and drives it from the system. 36 cents. Tea or Tablets.—Fred T. Walker.

men was arranged by Oscar Woolver-ton who vouches for the statement that there will be some riding done, such as has never been seen in this part of the

TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS

Chicago Market.

Kansas City Grain Market. (Furnished by J. E. Gall, Commissions, Grains, Provisions, Cotton and Stocks Office 116 West Sixth street. Phone 496.)

WHEAT— Kansas City, Oct. 18.

4.75; calves, \$5.50@8.25; westerns, \$4.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts today 14,000 head. Market strong to 10c higher. Light, \$6.25@6.30; mixed. \$8.20@6.87½; heavy. \$6.15@6.35; rough, \$6.15@6.35; pigs, \$5.50@6.46; bulk of sales, \$6.45@6.50.

SHEEP—Receipts today 6.000 head. Market steady. Native, \$3.00@6.50; western, \$3.00@6.60; yearlings, \$5.40@6.00; lambs, \$4.75@7.40; western, \$4.75@7.35.

Kansas City Live Stock Sales Today. [The following sales were made today at the stock yards, Kansas City, Mo., and telephoned to The Topeka State Journal by Clay, Robinson & Co., live stock commission merchants, with offices at all markets.]

Kansas City, Oct_18.

CATTLE—Receipts today 5,000 head. Kansas City, Oct_18.

CATTLE—Receipts today 5,000 head.

Market steady.
HOGS—Receipts today 5,000 head. Market 5 higher. Bulk of sales, \$6.20 fc.35; top, \$6,42\sqrt{6}.

SHEEP—Receipts today 3,000 head.

Market strong.

KILLING STEERS.

No. Wt. Price. No. Wt. Price.
13. 1069 \$33.15 \$4. 1127 \$4.10
22. 1340 5.75 18. 1240 5.85

COWS AND HEIFERS.
5 558 2.65 3 \$60 2.55
28. 288 2.90 5. 689 2.20
5 799 2.80 15. 600 2.75
64. 832 2.10

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.
7. 795 3.60 2.655 3.00
4. 870 3.70
CALVES.
22. 230 5.40 1. 180 5.50
1. 300 4.75
HOGS.

No. Wt. Price. No. Wt. Price.
12. 230 \$5.20 \$6.0 \$70. 198 6.35
4. 415 6.05 1. 400 6.00
1. 350 6.00 70. 198 6.35
68. 208 6.40 94. 182 6.40

Kansas City Produce Market.

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Kansas City, Oct. 18.—Close—WHEAT—
Receipts 162 cars. Market 1@2c lower.
Dec., 35%c; May, \$1.00%. ash: No. 2 hard,
\$1.03@1.01½; No. 3 red, 98c@\$1.00; No. 2 red,
\$1.03@1.04; No. 3 red, \$1.02.

CORN—Unchanged to ½c lower. Dec.,
53%c; May, 55%c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 60%c;
No. 3 mixed, 60%g600%c; No. 2 white, 51c;
No. 3 white, 51c.
OATS—Unchanged. No. 2 white, 50c; No.
2 mixed, 49c.
RYE—86@91c.
HAY—Choice timothy firm, \$12.25@13.75;
choice prairie 50@75c higher, \$1175@12.00.
BUTTER—Strong. Creamery, 29c; packing stock, 30c.
EGGS—Steady. Extras, 22c per dozen;
firsts, 30c.

Chicago Produce Market Strong. Dalsies, 15½c; Twins, 15@15½c; Young Americas, 15½c; Twins, 15@15½c; POULTRY—Alive poultry easy. Turkeys, 15c; chickens, 8½@9c; springs, 10c. BUTTER—Market stead. Creamery, 23½@26½c; dairy, 21@24c.

EGGS—Market steady. At mark, cases included, 17½@30½c.

Car lots at K. C.: Wheat, 140; corn, 32; oats, 111.
Estimated car lots at K. C. tomorrow: Wheat, 162; corn, 127; oats, 14.
Car lots at Chicago: Wheat, 103; corn, 334; oats, 235.
Wheat receipts today in the northwest were 678 cars.
Liverpool closing cables: Wheat, 4644d lower; corn 4d lower to 4d higher.

New York Stock Market

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New York Stock Markes.

Wall St. New York, Oct. 18.—STOCKS—Prices of stocks skirted upwards at a moderate rate in the opening dealings, the fractional gains exceeding a half point and Reading. Anaconda sold at an advance of 1½ points and Amaigamated Copper ½ point, Western Union declined 3 points. There was considerable activity in the trading and prices were inclined to yield after the opening. Anaconda lost all of its advances.

Selling of the Copper shares developed a weak tone in the market and there was a sharp reaction. Railroad stocks, however, displayed better resistance than of late, and signs of support became evident after they had fallen back to the neighborhood of yesterday's closing. Amaigamated Copper dipped to 48. as overnight loss of 1½ points. Lackawannifell 10 points, Federal Mining preferred 3½ points, American Smelting 3 points Great Northern preferred 1½ points and Iowa Central 2 points, Illinois Central 1½ points and Union Pacific, Cleveland, Ca. C. and St. Louis, American Sugar and Tennessee Copper 1 point. The whole market turned weak at 11 o'clock.

There was intermittent liquidation of the Copper stocks and an active selling movement in Union Pacific, but the railroad list generally was less affected. The decline in American Smelting reached 5½ points, the preferred 1 point, Amalgamete Copper 2½ points and Northern Pacific St. Paul and Great Northern ore Certificates 1 point. The whole market became weak again at noon.

Bonds were irregular.

Another deluge on London stock came on the market after midday and prices dropped precipitately. The semi-demoralization in the Copper stocks affected to a minor extent the railroad list and there was a general closing out of accounts. American Smelting's loss reached 3½ points, the preferred 3½ points, National Leea

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New York, Oct.
Op'n High Low Cl'se
104% 104% 104% 101% 102%
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41% 41% 38% 39%
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90% 80% 78% 79
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113% 114% 110% 110%
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16 16 15% 15% 15%
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70% 61% 64%
118% 118% 115% 116
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Cotton Market Galveston, Tex., Oct. 18.—COTTON— Market steady, 13%c per pound.

New York Sugar and Coffee. steady. Fair refining, 33.40; centrifugal, 55, test, \$3.90; molasses sugar, \$3.05. Refined sugar steady. Crushed, 45.70; powdered, 45.10; granulated, \$5.00. COFFEE—Market steady. No. 7 Rio, 6%c; No. 4 Santos, 8%c.

Topeka Market.
[Furnished by Charles Woiff Packing Co.
Yards close at noon Saturday.] Topeka, Oct. 18.

MIXED AND BUTCHERS
HEAVY LIGHT CATTLE. 5.866.66

COWS, GOOD 22.75623.15

COWS, COMMON 2.2562.75

HEIFERS, GOOD 3.0063.40

HEIFERS, GOOD 3.0063.40

HEIFERS, COMMON 2.5063.00

BULLS 2.5062.00

CALVES (under 100 lbs.) 4.0064.75

CALVES (over 200 lbs.) 3.0063.50

EGGS AND POULTRY.

[Furnished by the Topeka Packing Co., 114-116 West Laurent street.]

POULTRY—Bprings, 14.6224 pounds, 11c; over 245 pounds, 9c; hens, 9c; old roosters, 4c; ducks, 9c; seese, 7c.

EGGS—Fresh country, 18c.

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7.00.

BANANAS—Medium sized bunches, \$2.60; large bunches, \$2.60; Jumbo, \$2.75@3.00.

TOMATOES—Home grown, per basket, TOMATOES—Home grown, per basket.

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PEACHES—Utah, per box, \$1.25.
APPLES—New York, per bbl., \$6.00.
CELERY—Jumbo, per bunch, \$0c; Blue
Ribbon, per bunch, 50c.
HORSERADISH ROOT—Per lb., 4%c.
CABBAGE—Northern Holland, per cwt.,
\$1.50; domestic, per cwt., \$1.00.
CANTALOUPES—Per standard crate,
\$2.50.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bu., 75c.
ONIONS—Red or yellow, per bu., \$1.00;
Spanish, per crate, \$1.60.
EGG PLANT—Per doz., 65@75c.
MANGO PEPPERS—Per basket, 35c.
POTATOES—Northern Rurals, 80c; Colorado, 85c.

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FULL CREAM CHEESE Kansas Y. A.
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Ife lb.; N. Y. State white, ISc lb.; Block
Swiss, 18c lb.; Limburger, 18c lb.; Daisy,
18c lb.; Dairy Twin, 2 to box, 16c lb.; Wisconsin, yellow, 17c.
CANNED OYSTERS—N. Y. Extra Selects, 46c; N. Y. Counts, 50c; Standard,
per can, 36c.
BULK GYSTERS—N. Y. Counts, per
gallon, \$2.00; Extra Selects, \$1.90; Chesapeake Standards, per gal., \$1.90. Grain Market.

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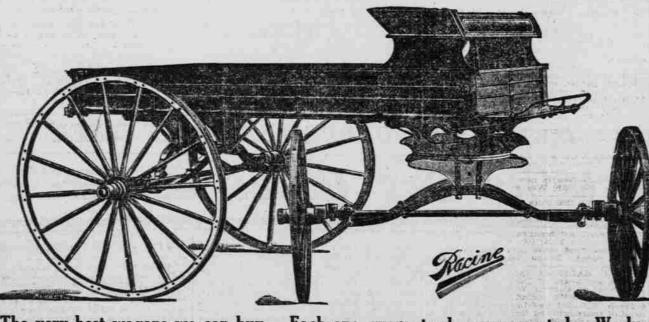
WHEAT-No. 2, 88699c; No. 3, 86688c;

No. 4, 80@82c. ORN-54c. OATS-No. 2, 43@45c; No. 3, 40@48

Topeka Hide Market.

[Prices paid in Topeka this week, base on Boston quetations.

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